

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5946

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, TC

SUBJECT: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY - PATROL BOATS

REF: (A) STATE 80908 (B) ABU DHABI 0650

1. SINCE SUBMISSION OF REFTEL B, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS ON PATROL BOAT PROJECT. MININT OFFICIALS STILL CLAIM THAT PROJECT AWAITING SIGNATURE PRIOR TRANSMISSION OF TELEXES.

2. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT PROJECT PIGEON HOLED PENDING MININT'S HIRING CONSULTANT FOR PROJECT (WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT EMBASSY HAD SUGGESTED TO MININT UPON FIRST HEARING ABOUT PROJECT.) THESE RUMORS APPARENTLY ORIGINATED WITH ITINERATE AMCIT "FINDER", MICHAEL K. O'SULLIVAN WHO FLOGGING VARIOUS IDEAS AND WHO CLAIMS REPRESENT AMONG OTHERS TRADEWAYS, LTD. 1522 K STREET NW, WASHINGTON, DC, AND DRAVO STEELSHIP CORPORATION, PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS.

3. TWO OTHER LOCAL SOURCES WITH GOOD ACCESS HAVE ADVISED THAT PROJECT STILL ON COURSE BUT RUNNING AFOUL OF INTERNAL MINISTERIAL POLITICS INVOLVING LOCALS AND HOST OF ADVISORS OF VARIOUS NATIONALITIES AS WELL AS DELAYING IN APPROVING UAE BUDGET FOR 1977. EMBASSY CHECKS WITH MININT OFFICIAL EVERY WEEK TO DETERMINE PROGRESS OF PROJECT. WILL ADVISE WHEN THERE IS MOVEMENT.

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